Parks and Recreation – 1917

PARKS AND RECREATIONS.

The broader view of the question of play grounds and recreation fields in certain localities, must be taken into consideration in arriving at any just conclusion.

The position taken by the Park Commissioner, Mr. Cunliff, with regard to the proposed Park and Play Grounds on the Tiffany Tract Cardinal Avenue and Market Street, was the most logical one to be taken under the circumstances. We believe that the best interest of the community is served by continuing the Pine Street play ground at present.

A community play ground especially where the colored people are in the majority, or are to be the principal beneficiaries, should be located in the best possible locality, and under the most favorable conditions. It would be better to wait another season than to be willing to accept a less favorable location. Those of our race who are always willing to accept anything offered, or to move along the line of least resistance, are the ones that clog the wheels of progress of the race.

The act of Mr. Cunliff in the matter was a conscientious one, for he knew deep down in his heart that a better location would serve the community better, and the expenditure of money in an undesirable location (though the cost was less) would be false economy.

The people of this community need a first class play ground and if it requires a bond issue to get it, then we must have the bond.

The seal of the United States government upon segregation of races on account of color, gives liscense to mobs and other mean forms of discrimination against our race.

The Negro Training Camp fostered by the United States government strikes us as being somewhat inconsistent with the much preached "A United People."

Some people of the colored race are simple enough to believe that the good Lord is so just that every time a mob breaks out and falls upon defenseless Negroes, a storm will burst and kill a large number of white people.

NEGRO SWIMMING POOL PROPOSAL IS DEFEATED

Constitution

Citizens Bring Vigorous Opposion to Bear and Advocates Withdraw Proposition.

3-7-17

There will not be any swimming pool or bathhouses in the sixth ward on Orme street for negroes.

The petition presented to the park board Tuesday afternoon asking that the board take supervision of such an institution was withdrawn after a number of citizens, backed by a petition, had made it clearly understood that they would not tolerate such a thing.

David Woodward and Wilmer L. Moore appeared in behalf of those who desired to give the negroes a chance for free baths. Mr. Woodward stated that he had been absent from the city and had not kept up with the situation. He said that he believed anything done for the advancement of the negro race, and especially on the lines of sanitation, would be a great benefit to the white race.

Mr. Moore, while advocating free baths for negroes, said he did not desire to foist anything on the citizens of Atlanta to which they were opposed.

"Dr. Mathieson told me," stated Mr. Moore, "that he was opposed to the bathhouses because of their being located near Tech. I believe we might do well to take the whole matter up with the white citizens in that section of the city."

Dr. Mincey Had Big Petition.

Dr. Ed T. Mincey, councilman from the sixth ward, presented and read to the board a petition signed by over two hundred citizens living on Orme street and in that vicinity. The petition was not couched in any mild terms.

"We want this thing stopped right here and now," said Councilman Mincey. "This petition states the truth when it says that hundreds of good citizens will be driven from their homes if a negro public bathhouse is located on Orme street. These people bought and paid for their homes and they are as good as any people in this city. Bury this thing, gentlemen, and bury it so deep that it will never rise again."

Frank P. Rice told the board that he owned more frontage on Orme street than any three other men in Atlanta.

"I have built twenty good houses on that street," he stated, "for white people. There isn't but one house and lot owned by a negro in that whole section of Atlanta. If you put a negro swimming pool or bathhouses on Orme street you will damage me $20,000. We want to make and keep that part of the city for good white folks."

Petition Is Withdrawn.

When Mr. Rice finished speaking, Mr. Moore again took the floor. He said:

"I believe the committee will withdraw the petition. We do not wish to harm any of the good people of Atlanta. I believe, however, if they rightly understood the matter they would not object, for by making the negroes more sanitary the white people will be helped. It will be up to the white citizens in that section to see to it that the negroes are made better."

"I agree with Mr. Moore," stated Mr. Woodward. "We do not want the ill-will of our people, but their co-operation in the work we are trying to do to help the negro race. The petition, gentlemen, is withdrawn."

PLAYGROUNDS BEING EQUIPPED

Savannah

During the week, Playground Director, C. R. Goette with a force of men, has been busy at the East Side Colored playground, installing several new and up-to-date pieces of additional equipment.

3-24-17

Mr. Gotte has manifested sincere interest for the care and instruction of the colored children in this matter of playgrounds. Since the city's appropriation he has not allowed the matter to lag; on the contrary, he has been seeking after a suitable site for a playground in Yamacraw and has been divising how most economically to spend the appropriation for these purpases. He has in mind to do for the west side what is being done on the east side. On the east side he will provide a large shed with seats, and a great sand-box thereunder, for the tots in hot weather, and a hydrant and hose in the centre of the grounds. Besides swings, courts etc, he is having built in one of the shops of the city a large "slide" for the grounds.

Next week, Mr. Goette will go with the officers of the Urban League to look up other sights on the west side, having failed to get those already sought after.

The interest which the city Recreation Commission is manifesting in this work among colored people, through Mr. Goette, is very gratifying and very hopeful of the future.

The Urban League has appointed an advisory board for the playgrounds, with Mrs. J. R. Davis as chairman, whose duty will be to assist in furthering the interests of playground and recreation work and in keeping the work up to a worthy standard. The advisory committee will meet with Mrs. Davis during the next week to take hold of its work. It is expected that Director Goette will address the committee outlaying the great possibilities within its sphere.

URBAN LEAGUE MEETS MONDAY

The Savannah Tribune

QUARTERLY REPORTS TO BE MADE BY COMMITTEES

7/21/17

All Members and Friends are Urged To Be Present

The regular quarterly meeting of the Urban League will be held at headquarters, West Broad and Gwinnet street lane, Monday night. At this session, committeemen or their representatives will render quarterly reports of the work done by their committees, during the past quarter. A large attendance of the members of the executive committee, officers and members is expected. Members, generally, are urged to bring in the names of new members and to pay in full all arrearages.

Reports rendered by the officers will indicate the general condition of the league.

Plans will be laid for another membership crusade and for extending the work of the league.

During the week, Playground Superintendent C. R. Goette has been rehabilitating the equipment at the colored playground, under direction of the league, and he announces that he will press the work to completion.

Miss Edna Price is doing good work at the grounds in the absence of Miss Lee, the director. A large attendance of members and visitors is urged to be present at the meeting Monday night. President Johnson will preside.

TO START WORK ON NEGRO PARK

Plans Include Immediate Labor in Preparing Entrances, Etc., for Property.

CHATTANOOGA TENN NEWS

JAN 15, 1917

Plans are now under way by Commissioner E. D. Herron, of the department of public utilities, for the immedite improvement of Citico park as a recreation ground for the colored people of Chattanooga. The first steps of the department in getting it into condition as a negro park will include the work of fencing it in, putting in sewers, laying the necessary water pipes, clearing and cleaning up the ground preliminary to the necessary grading and preparations for the construction of walkways.

Most of the land in the park is now under cultivation, having been converted into small garden tracts at the beginning of the home garden movement last spring. For that reason it will probably be after these crops have matured and have been gathered before any extensive improvements are made. The plans now under way are not supposed to open the park actively this summer, but will make it ready by next year.

The tract of land to be converted into this park covers approximately ten acres. It affords facilities for an excellent swimming pool, and this will probably be opened also, although plans now under way do not include this attraction. No definite estimate has been placed on the cost of improvements, but Commissioner Herron states the cost will be governed entirely by the prices of material at the time the improvements are started. It will be fitted with all modern park conveniences and will be fashioned somewhat in appearance after Warner park.

It is planned to have the main entrance at the junction of East End avenue and Blackford street. The colored people are very much elated over the prospects for the park and have expressed their general satisfaction to Commissioner Herron's department.

COLORED COUNTRY CLUB IS A SUCCESS

New York Age 10-11-17

(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.)

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Negro citizens of the State of Connecticut enjoy the distinction of having the first colored country club in America, according to the Hartford *Times*, whose correspondent, writing from Cheshire, Conn., says:

"With the opening of the Cheshire Country Club in this place, Connecticut has what is probably the only country club for colored people in this country. In the short time that it has been in existence, however, the venture has proven to be of worth, has secured a membership of more than 200 representative colored people and has turned out to be a financial success to a degree that has encouraged its founder to lay out tennis courts and a five hole golf course.

"The idea originated with Johnson L. Haile of Waterbury, a representative colored person of that city who was head waiter at the old Scoville House for many years before it was burned and who for the past seven years has been steward for Mrs. Harriet B. Thorpe. Mr. Haile used frequently to pass the property where the club is now located and more than once remarked to his wife he should like to buy the place for a residence. Then came the thought of purchasing it and founding a country club for colored people, which should draw its membership from limited and congenial circles. Last January the property, which consists of the house and twenty-two acres, was purchased of Mrs. Minnie S. Stanwood of Hartford. Some alterations were made, but owing to the scarcity of labor all the contemplated changes were not put through. The place was opened in July.

Board of Governors.

Although the property is owned and controlled by Mr. Haile, who arranges for the service and the upkeep of the place, the club has a board of governors who pass on all applications for membership and who have a voice in all matters which have to do with the welfare of the organization. The board is made up as follows: Johnson L. Haile, Waterbury; J. Edward Jones, Waterbury; Thomas L. Anderson, Shelton; James E. Keffoed, Waterbury; Dr. P. F. Anderson, Waterbury; Thomas Coleman, Ansonia; Theodore Jackson, Meriden; Dr. B. B. Costa, Waterbury; G. Frank Baker, New Haven; Henry A. Hatcher, Waterbury; Charles Keith, New Haven; Colonel F. B. McKinny, Waterbury; H. A. Plato, Hartford; J. W. Murphy, Hartford; Joseph S. Robinson, Hartford; Benjamin McIntyre, Hartford; Dr. A. C. Bradley, Bridgeport; Daniel Brown, New Haven; Dr. Thomas Gibbs, Bridgeport; U. S. Bethel, Hartford; W. A. Bradley, Waterbury.

"The club does not confine its membership to this state. Among the more than 200 members there are some who reside as far south as Washington, D. C., and Knoxville, Tenn. There are members scattered throughout New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts as well as Connecticut. The initial charge is $5 for each member.

"The clubhouse is most conveniently located and commands a choice outlook, especially from the rear of the building. It is less than fifty yards distant from the tracks of the New Haven and Waterbury trolley and about the same space away from a small flag station on the line of railroad connecting Hartford and Waterbury. A finely kept state trunk line highway passes the clubhouse.

"It is located on a slight terrace which extends back from the road about 150 feet to the house. The lawn in front presents a fine appearance. The clubhouse is well arranged for the use to which it has been put. A wide veranda extends across the front and the length of one side. The main entrance opens into a large parlor or ballroom which can be used for dancing, card parties or other functions. There is a billiard room and other small rooms.

Good Taste Prevails.

"The house is furnished in good taste and has an appearance of comfort and homelikeness that is attractive. Among the furnishings are a piano and large victrola. In good weather the tables are set on the veranda and sometimes on the lawn. As soon as the contractors can do the work, the veranda at the end of the building will be enclosed in glass and tables will be put in there. Meals may be obtained at short notice and elaborate banquets will be served if ordered in advance. A steward and his wife room on the premises and the clubhouse is open to members at all times.

"Just now grading is being done at the rear of the building for the tennis courts. No doubt the courts and the sidelines will be popular, for a magnificent view is obtainable from there. The estate consists of twenty-two acres of wooded and rolling ground. Patches have been cleared and vegetables for use on the club tables have been raised. A little grove forms an ideal picnic ground and on Labor Day a clambake was held there, at which more than 300 people were served.

"Sundays find the club well patronized. Automobiles are parked on the lawn and at the side of the house and guests are flitting in and out of the club. Located conspicuously as it is, the new venture attracts much attention and considerable favorable comment.

Without Club License.

"The club has no licence, but the members are living in hopes of getting one. Cheshire is a dry town, however, and for that reason is not the ideal location for a country club which otherwise it might be. At present, soft drinks are sold, but the plan is to secure a club license which will permit of a limited sale of liquor to members and their friends.

"To be frank, the colored churches of Waterbury do not look with favor upon the venture. There has been no open opposition to the country club, but the pastors and some of the members of the churches hold aloof. The attitude which they have assumed is doubtless due to the nature of the enterprise, which, to ensure its ultimate success, probably calls for the installation of a bar. Baptist and Methodist churches among the colored people hold tenaciously to their ideals and they would doubtless consider any compromise with the new club as concessions to the devil.

This Pastor Approves.

"In contrast to the favor which the Waterbury churches have withheld is the friendly interest which the colored Congregational church of New Haven has taken in the project. The pastor, the Rev. E. F. Goin, has given his approval and has been an interested visitor at the club. He says another year his church will probably hold its Sunday School picnic in the grove back of the clubhouse. Other prominent colored people have given their approval, as have some of Waterbury's business men.

"In July the Sonora Wohelo group of Camp Fire girls of New Haven, twenty-two in number, camped on the club grounds for a week. They slept on the veranda and roamed the woods and hills to their hearts' content. The grand lodge of the Household of Ruth met there in July. Recently the St. Elmo Club of New Haven had a gathering there. The following evening a club from Bridgeport enjoyed a whist and dance and the same week a group of high school pupils from New Haven came out for a dance. The Nemberolic Club of New Haven is planning a clambake to be given in the grove soon. The club is conveniently situated to both New Haven and Waterbury, being twenty-five miles from the former and only fifteen from the latter.

Predicts Bright Future.

"The board of governors is highly pleased with the prospects. It predicts a bright future for the organization and all have heartily congratulated Mr. Haile upon the idea and upon the happy manner in which he has been able to put his plans into action. In the short time the club has been in existence, its fame has traveled widely until it is now known and talked about in nearly every colored community of any size in this state and in places out of the state."

GAVE NEGROES BIG CONCERT FOR $36

DALLAS TEX. EVE. DISPATCH
JULY 9, 1917

The first negro concert of the season was given at Hall-st and Central-av last night. The concert cost the city $36. It was attended by about 10,000 negroes.

LAKE REVENUE TO BE PLANNED AT CONFERENCE

FT WORTH TEXAS TELEGRAM
JULY 1, 1917

The city park board will hold a joint session with the city commission Tuesday for the purpose of agreeing on an ordinance covering regulations for campers and to decide the financing of future Lake Worth projects, including the lake shore drive.

The park board met Saturday afternoon and all members expressed the opinion they could carry on no further improvement work at the lake unless more financial assistance came from the city.

One source of revenue suggested for the proposed ordinance provides that all campers shall pay the park board fees of $1 per week, $3 per month or $25 per year. Campers will be allowed a tract of 75 by 100 feet and will not be permited to put up fences. Payment of these fees is to begin July 1. Other regulations will limit speed to twelve miles per hour around the lake. A Jim Crow ordinance was decided upon in order that negroes and whites going to the lake shall be kept separated. Park Superintendent Vinnedge reported that negroes usually go to the same rendezvous at the lake and they will be permitted to continue to do so if they do not go elsewhere.

Police aid will be asked in making arrests as all of the park property is city owned and as the lake drive is being lengthened the traffic is increasing and need of regulations grows.

It was announced that the drive will be pushed but a little farther this summer, perhaps to Evinrude Inn, as cost of construction has been found expensive. The road has been cleared, graded, graveled and rolled most of the distance.

Several houses that are to be moved from the new Burnett Park likely will be divided up into rest rooms and placed in all of the city parks.

Next Wednesday the members of the board will inspect all of the parks. The board decided to put in another swimming pool at Marine Park after Recreation Superintendent Tarlton reported that an average of 235 children a day visited the park.

COLORED COUNTRY CLUB IS OPENED

[illegible] Waterbury, Conn. Republican
AUGUST 20, 1917

More Than 500 People Inspect Grounds of West Cheshire Organization.

A UNIQUE INSTITUTION

Fully 150 Take Dinner at Clubhouse—Inspection of Grounds Made.

More than 500 colored people attended the formal opening yesterday of the Colored Country Club at West Cheshire which was founded by Johnson L. Haile of this city.

Dinner was served to 150 guests at noon. There were several automobile parties, members of the club and their families entertaining friends from New Haven, Ansonia, Shelton, Hartford, Boston, Meriden, New Britain, New York and this city.

Saturday evening 250 members and friends attended a hop at the clubhouse. Yesterday the 500 people who visited the club inspected the golf course, of which six holes are now in shape, and looked over the tennis courts and baseball diamond which are being laid out.

The clubhouse will be complete by Sept. 1, the board of directors of the club believe. The finals of the annual colored people's tennis tournament, which begins in New York city today, will probably be held at West Cheshire beginning Sept. 15.

The board of directors of the organization which now has 250 members, are: J. Edward Jones, Waterbury; J. L. Haile, Waterbury; W. A. Bradley, Knoxville, Tenn.; Charles H. Kaith, New Haven; James E. Kefford, Waterbury; Dr. R. B. Costa, Waterbury; Frank Baker, New Haven; F. B. McKinney, Waterbury; Dr. P. F. Anderson, Waterbury; Thomas L. Anderson, Shelton; Thomas Coleman, Ansonia; Henry A. Hatcher, Waterbury; Theodore Jackson, Meriden.

WILL URGE PLAYGROUNDS FOR ATLANTA NEGROES

Constitution
1-3-17

M. B. Young, member of the park board, plans to get the city to establish parks and playgrounds for the colored people. He is of the opinion that the idea would be of benefit to the whole community.

"It seems to me that the colored people of Atlanta are entitled to a few playgrounds where they can go without encroaching on the rights of the white people. Many of them pay their fair share of the tax money received by the city, and some pay a great deal more than the average white citizen. I am going to make an effort to have the city furnish parks and playgrounds during the coming year."

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Negroes Now Have a Bathing Pavilion

Special to The Observer.

Galveston, Tex., June 1, 1917.—After almost two years of waiting the colored people of South Texas can boast of a bathing pavilion in Galveston that is indeed a credit to the community. Mr. Claude Clark, formerly of Houston, but now of the Island City, has secured a two-story structure located right on the beach and only two blocks from the Interurban stand, and has furnished it throughout in first-class style, capable of conveniently accommodating 300 bathers at a time, with clean, new suits. The building is equipped with separate dressing rooms, lockers and inside shower baths for both ladies and gentlemen.

The grand opening of Clark's Place, as it will be hereafter known, will be held Tuesday, June 12. A special Interurban, under the management of the old reliables, P. S. Winfield and H. J. Ford, will leave Houston at 6:30 p. m. The fare will be, as usual, $1.00 for the round trip. Good music will be provided for the occasion.

FOR NEGRO CHILDREN

SAN ANTONIO TEX LIGHT
AUGUST 16, 1917

Playground for Negro Children ing Equipped on the East Side.

A playground for the negro children on the east side of the city has been provided by Commissioner Lambert on a vacant lot at Crockett and Pine Streets. The work of installing the play apparatus is almost finished and when completed it will be the equal of any playground in the city.

"This work is being done at the request of a number of the leading negroes of the city," said Commissioner Lambert. "They pointed out a thing which I knew to be a fact, namely, that while we have playgrounds in various parts of the city which may be used by the white and Mexican children, there was none for the negroes. It was then they informed me that the city already owned nearly a block of ground and right in the heart of the negro settlement.

"The records show this lot was acquired by the city twenty-five or thirty years ago, and I presume it then was the intention to use it as part of the cemetery. It was never so utilized, however, and it has since been a dumping ground. We first leveled it off and covered the surface with street sweepings to provide a proper mulch for grass, and when completed it will be a pleasant little breathing spot. The apparatus includes slides, swings, bars and other appliances of a similar character."

COLORED BOYS AND GIRLS HUMILIATED

INDIANAPOLIS IND. Ledger
JULY 14, 1917

Driven From Brookside Park While Playing Tennis by White Ruffians.

Several Colored boys and girls representing the best families of the city were grossly humiliated and insulted last Saturday afternoon while playing tennis at Brookside Park. It is reported that in the midst of their play they were approached by a crowd of white neighborhood ruffians and ordered to leave the park. The men and boys assuming the authority to thus insult the Colored young folks said: "You are not tolerated in any of the other parks and we do not propose to tolerate you any longer out here, so be off with you." The children quietly withdrew without creating any disturbance and reported the matter to the Ledger.

Rucker Promises Aid.

Prosecutor Rucker was called on and the situation laid before him. He instructed the committee what proceedings to pursue and made arrangements for the committee to appear before the Park Board at their regular meeting last Thursday. Details of this conference with the Park Board and what action was taken will appear in the Ledger next week.

GALVESTON TEXAS NEWS

JUNE 27, 1917

NEGRO PLAYGROUND IS OPENED

More Than 200 Children Attend Initial Program of Activities at Screwmen's Park.

Success marked the opening of the first of three playgrounds for negro children at Screwmen's Park yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. More than two hundred children were present. Ice cream and lemonade were served as refreshments. An address was made by E. R. Cheesborough, representing the Galveston Commercial Association and the Galveston Playground Association. Several ministers of negro churches also spoke. Rev. A. Barber presided. The invocation was delivered by Rev. J. W. Smith. Others who spoke were H. T. Davis of the East District negro school, Rev. J. E. Edwards and W. J. King.

A committee representing the Playground Association and other organizations were present. On the committee were Mrs. Mary H. Wood of the United Charities, Mrs. George Sealy, Mrs. J. R. Nicoll, Mrs. Aaron Blum, Mrs. Abe Blum, Miss Gladys Cohen, G. A. Amundsen Jr., Charles T. Suderman and Mr. Cheesborough.

The grounds will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 4 to 7 o'clock and every Sunday from 4:30 to 7:30 o'clock. Anona Smith will have charge of the activities. Parents are invited on Sundays.

The playground at the West District School will be opened tomorrow at 4 o'clock; and at the East District School Monday at 4:30 o'clock. Martha Cort will have charge of the West District and Fannie Butler of the East District.

WOODLAND PARK NOW READY.

The Richmond 8/14/17

The management of Woodland Park announces the completion of the work at Woodland Park. A large pavilion floor, with concrete pillars has been erected and an awning will protect the patrons from the sun. Swings and seats have been erected and the natural scenery adds much to the beauty of the place. A fine, large lake has just been completed and the clear limpid water is the cause of much comment. Boating may be indulged in as a row boat was hauled up to the lake last Monday. This part will be open and ready for the public every Sunday afternoon. A nominal fee will be charged for a ride around the lake. Fine springs of lithia water are on the grounds.

A concrete dam has just been completed. The public is invited to inspect the place.

NEGRO SWIMMING POOL HELD UP BY COMMISSION

Constitution 7-7-17

The plan to locate a bathing pool for negroes in the sixth ward on Orme street was criticised and held up by the park commission yesterday afternoon.

It was reported to the board that the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce was behind a movement to have a swimming pool for negroes on Orme street on a lot owned by the city, and that David Woodward had contributed $500 to the project. The county, it was stated, would be asked to appropriate the balance needed, which is about $1,500.

Commissioner W. W. Waits, of the sixth ward, did not like the idea. He said that for years the white people of that part of the city had tried to get a park and had failed. He believed that people living near the proposed site for the swimming pool for negroes would seriously object.

The matter was referred to the public improvements committee for further investigation.

CITY MAY PROVIDE NEGRO SWIMMING POOL

A conference was held Thursday afternoon at the city hall between the public improvement committee of the park commission and members of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in regard to the installation of a swimming pool for negroes on Orme street. Constitution

The matter had come up before the park commission at its last meeting and was laid on the table pending an investigation by the commissioner from the sixth ward, in which it is proposed to locate the swimming pool. 3-2-17

The chamber of commerce representatives showed that the proposed pool would be located in the center of a negro section and would serve a good purpose. Those from the chamber were Wilmer L. Moore, Joseph C. Logan, W. W. Orr and Assistant Secretary Henry Robinson.

The park commission committee will present the matter to the commission at its next meeting with a favorable report.

Colored Man Asks Fair Play, And Says With It All's Well

Editor Constitution: I note by articles in the papers that strenuous efforts are being made to establish parks in the fire district of the fourth ward. 6-4-17

The city has numerous parks for the white race, but no park or earth for the poor black boy or girl. No place of recreation of any kind in the city for the black taxpayer, and his labor and money helped to make Atlanta the city as it now stands. No wonder the death rate is so high among my race here. We are even refused a place to bathe, and bathing is one of the most essential things to health. My people look to the proposed park plan in the fire district as an issue to press segregation.

All we want is a chance, with wages sufficient to care for our loved ones, and equal protection as other races get, better schools for our children and a ban put on the men who are always agitating some evil to stir up strife among the races. Do this and the problem will be solved. The black man is here and here to stay, and only asks fair play and he will solve his own problem.

SHELBY W. SMITH (Col.).
51 Delbridge Street.

NEGROES ASK TO USE GOLF LINKS IN PARK

ST LOUIS MO STAR
JUNE 1, 1917

Three negroes appeared before Park Commissioner Cunliff today and asked that he make some provision so that negroes could use the public golf links in Forest Park.

They said many negroes who have been caddies have learned to like golf and would like to play.

They suggested that certain days or certain hours of certain days be named, when negroes could use the course.

Cunliff said there was no provision in the present method of operation of the links whereby negroes could use the course, but promised to take the matter under advisement.

NEGROES HAVE PICNICS

Special Cars to Be Run to Playgrounds Sunday for Musicale.

In the past week at the colored playgrounds six or more picnics from various churches in the city were held at the grounds. Among the number were Payne's Chapel, South Side, Mount Ebon Church, Irondale, J. H. Shackford, Pastor, and Ensley City.

Saturday, July 21, a grand picnic was given by the colored association of the Railway Employes for the benefit of the Sardis Baptist Church. Refreshments of all kinds were on the grounds.

Each church of the city will be given a day at the colored playgrounds to help obtain funds for its benefit.

Sunday, July 22, the Ladies' Club will give a musicale in behalf of the children, beginning at 4 p. m. Both young and grown-ups are invited to come out. Special cars run every Sunday afternoon to the colored playgrounds at Thrash Station—Dozier's Park.

SPRING AUGUST

Atlanta Campus Open to Negroes

Plans by Atlanta university have permitted the opening of its campus during the summer for the benefit of the colored people of the city of Atlanta. A public-spirited citizen, David Woodward, has given $250 to cover the cost of proper supervision and has offered to add to the sum as need may occur. Two or three afternoons during each week the basement of the boys' building is open to the public and here it may enjoy the shower baths which are installed. There are beautiful parks in Atlanta for the white people but none for the colored, so this opening of the grounds of the university will fill a long-felt need. The city council has made arrangements for the use of two Negro school grounds during the summer.

GALVESTON TEXAS NEWS

JUNE 26, 1917

NEGRO PLAYGROUNDS OPEN TODAY.

Varied Program to Be Given at Screwmen's Park at 3:30 This Afternoon.

The negro playground at Screwmen's Park, west of Thirty-seventh street, at Avenue S, will formally be opened this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A program has been arranged, which will include drills and speeches. Other features of entertainment also have been arranged.

A delegation of club women, headed by Mrs. J. R. Nicoll, through whose interest along with that of Mrs. George Sealy, this playground has been established, will attend the opening.

The west district school playground will have its formal opening on Friday at 4 o'clock.

The east district school playground will organize clubs on Thursday under the direction of Fannie Butler, a teacher. She will aso act as playground supervisor. The formal opening of this playlot will be held Monday, July 2, at 4 o'clock.

COLORED PLAYGROUNDS

St. Louis Argus, 7/27/17

The Colored Playgrounds of the city are slowly increasing. The opening of the Dumas Ground made two appointments necessary. Pine St., the oldest Ground has Mr. Gerald Tyler as director and Misses Hattie Lewis and Sarah Marshall, assistants. Kennerly Ground, Mr. A. J. Gossin, director; Misses Helen McWhorter and Jennie Mack assistants. Dumas Ground, Mr. Elmer Burgess, director; Mrs. Nellie Agee and Miss Felicia Stevens, assistants.

Negro Playgrounds Well Equipped

Slides, Swings and Cinder Track at The Lincoln School Ground.

The negro playground is now open at the Lincoln school under the supervision of Mr. I. N. Ross of Baltimore. The children may now enjoy a slide, four large rope swings, three baby swings, two teeters, 25 yard cinder course and a jumping standard. Different games will be played. In co-operation with the House and Hermann Garden Club, a garden has been made opposite the city crematory. Thirty five children are gardening under the expert supervision of Mr. George E. House Jr. The firm has donated a flag which has been unfurled on the garden plot.

GALVESTON TEXAS NEWS
JUNE 30. 1917

PLAYGROUNDS FOR NEGROES—Miss Beulah Bussell, superintendent of the Galveston social service bureau, stated today that two playgrounds for negroes would be opened Monday, with Piccola Hardaway, a graduate of Fiske University, acting as supervisor. The grounds at Dunbar School will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while the grounds at Gregory School will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The hours will be from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.

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